

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Maxine Schaaf who began her career with the Sioux Falls Veterans Affairs Health Care System (VA) in 1985 and dedicated 32 years of service; and,

*Whereas*, Maxine worked as a nurse on the inpatient acute care unit of the medical center, serving oncology, medical, and respiratory care patients; and,

*Whereas*, Maxine spent several years as a mental health care manager for veterans who struggled with complex mental health needs and developed and organized a coordinated care review program, which collaborates with other services to manage disruptive and difficult patients; and,

*Whereas*, Maxine was responsible for organizing the very first homeless veterans' stand down in Sioux Falls in 2000; and,

*Whereas*, In addition to passionately serving veterans during her career, Maxine worked diligently as the elected president of the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) Local 1509 for 22 years; and,

*Whereas*, Maxine continues to be a strong advocate for VA and veterans' care and staunch supporter of staffing and funding to provide this care and in her last months of employment at VA, she negotiated a new local supplemental agreement to support the master agreement between VA and AFGE Local 1509; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to recognize this dedicated public servant on the occasion of her retirement knowing she has many friends and colleagues who have been touched by her leadership, passion, and activism:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2017, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her family, friends, and colleagues in offering her best wishes for an enjoyable retirement.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-third Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Shantel Krebs*  
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State